Republic of the Philippines
Province of Eastern Samar
CITY GOVERNMENT OF BORONGAN
Office of the City Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. JIDCA-010-0326
SERIES OF 2020

"AN ORDER STRENTHENING AND INTENSIFYING SAFETY AND PROTECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC"

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, through Proclamation No. 929 has declared a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to the global pandemic of caused by the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, under the Local Government Code, every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support the promotion of health and safety and maintenance of peace and order.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 11 was issued by the COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Infectious Disease, allowing local government units to declare community quarantine as a preventive measure and in consideration of local circumstances and specific parameters;

WHEREAS, despite critical measures were adopted by the government, the number of COVID-19 infections have been constantly increasing at a rapid pace sowing public fear;

WHEREAS, strengthening safety and protective measures is a proactive approach towards preventing the entry and spread of COVID-19 in Borongan City for the purpose of protecting the health and saving lives of all those persons sojourning in Borongan City;

WHEREAS, there is a need to intensify and strengthen measures to prevent widespread COVID-19 contagion taking in consideration the fact that there are still no available testing kits and there is a great probability of the presence of infections already although they remain to be untested;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSE IVAN DAYAN C. AGDA, City Mayor of Borongan, Eastern Samar by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Strengthening and Intensifying Safety and Protective Measures against COVID-19. In the interest of public security and safety, in light of the current State of Calamity and under the General Welfare Clause provided under the Local Government Code, the City of Borongan is hereby declared under a Strengthened and Intensified Protective And Safety Measures effective for Fourteen (14) days from **12:01 AM of March 22, 2020 to 11:59 PM of April 5, 2020**, under the following general guidelines:

a. A strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households; movement shall be limited to accessing basic necessities; provision for food and essential health services shall be regulated; and there will be heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce quarantine procedures;

b. People are required to observe social distancing inside offices, groceries, banks; and such other places where authorized persons may also be present.

c. Gatherings, whether civic or religious in purpose, shall be suspended until further notice.

d. A work from home arrangement shall be implemented in the City Government except the PNP, City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office personnel, and city health officers and personnel who man border control and critical services and except for "skeletal workforce" of the city government duly authorized by a city government;

e. Operations of all public transport vehicles within the City shall be suspended;

f. Cargo trucks and supply deliveries of essential goods, foods, medicines, hygiene and medical supplies to and from the city shall not be hindered subject to the observance of strict sanitation methods and practices;

Section 2. Set-up of Checkpoints on Major Entry Points to Borongan City. The City Health Office, City PNP, City DRRMO personnel, authorized volunteers and deputized city government personnel and the Army Reserve Command shall maintain checkpoint stations on major entry points to Borongan City.

The foregoing personnel/ officers shall ensure that no person shall be allowed to enter and go out of Borongan City unless they possess the necessary Mayor's Pass and Identifications.

Section 3. Strict Home Quarantine – No person shall be allowed to get out from their houses and dwelling premises except for the following persons:

a. City Elected Officials for official purposes;

b. City Government Department Heads for official purposes only;

c. Barangay Elected, Tanods and Appointed officials for official purposes only;

d. PNP, AFP and other deputized enforcement units of the City;

e. DOH, emergency/rescue personnel and City Health Unit Personnel for official purposes only;

f. Head of Family or One Family Representative (who must not be a senior citizen, minor) only for the purpose of obtaining essential goods, like foods, medicines, hygiene products and/or to send/ receive money remittance or to make financial transactions with bank and other financial intermediaries;

g. Deputized City Government personnel for official purposes only;

h. Accredited/authorized Media personnel;

i. Local farmers and fisherfolks for purposes of food production under the rules provided herein;

j. Employees and Owners of Business Establishments selling essential and basic commodities provided the owner issue a certification that the person is his/ her employee.

Any person found outside their houses shall be required to show proof of authority (i.e. Pass) allowing him/her to go out of their house and their identification cards.

No senior citizen, minors, immune-compromised persons, ill persons, and no pregnant women shall be allowed to go out from their houses at all times except for highly emergency circusmtances.

In the event said person fails to show proof of authority (Pass) and ID, he/she shall be ordered to go home.

Failure on the part of the said person to comply with the said Order will result to a lawful arrest and a criminal prosecution for Resistance and Disobedience of a Person in Authority/ Agents of Person in Authority under the Revised Penal Code.

Section 4. Strictly "No Entry and No Exit" to and from Borongan City - No person shall be allowed to enter and exit the city of Borongan except the following:

a. Elected Officials from different Municipalities of Eastern Samar, Provincial Elected Officials for the purpose of purchasing essential goods, foods and medicines and transacting with Banks and other financial intermediaries. Provided, that only a maximum of three (3) companions shall be allowed inside the vehicle

b. Persons from different municipalities of Eastern Samar who are holders of Mayor's Pass containing the original signature of their mayor together with the purpose of entry to or exit from Borongan City;

   i. The said Mayor's Pass shall be valid only for one (1) day;

   ii. The purpose to purchase essential goods, basic necessities and medical supplies and to avail of medical services in hospitals and clinics shall be accepted.

c. Drivers and Delivery Workers of essential goods (i.e. foods, medicines, hygiene supplies and basic necessities) with documents showing identifications and authority to travel (including Mayor's Pass if applicable)

The above-mentioned persons shall be subjected to thermal scanning and are required to wear surgical / medical masks and other protective gears.

Section 5. Food Supply During Quarantine Period - To ensure the availability of food during the quarantine period, local farmers and fisherfolk certified and/ or acknowledged by their respective Punong Barangays shall be exempted from the restriction in going out of their homes to perform the following:

a. To care for their crops and farm animals, to plant, to harvest their crops or to catch fish and other aqua marine products;

b. To sell their agricultural and fishery products in the Public Market preferably on Tabo days every Saturday;

c. Selling by local farmers and fisherfolk of their highly-perishable products such as vegetables, fruits, fish, and other aqua-marine species maybe allowed only in the officially designated talipapa in their barangays. Provided, that they shall seek first the quarantine clearances from barangay officials and that they observe sanitation measures like wearing of masks, frequent hand-washing and social distancing;

d. No Street Vending of food products shall be allowed in all barangays in the City.

Section 6. Prohibition on Operations of Business Establishments – The operations of all business establishments in the City shall be suspended until further notice, except for the following:

a. Grocery stores, City Public Market, Bakeshops, and Sari-Sari Stores;

   i. Grocery Stores meat shops and Sari-Sari Stores shall observe the Public Safety Hours prescribed in City Ordinance No. 158;

   ii. City Public Market shall only be open from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the morning and 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the afternoon.

b. Pharmacies, drugstores, and medical supply stores;

c. Banks and other similar financial institutions;

d. Remittance Centers;

e. Hospitals, medical clinics, diagnostic centers and medical laboratories;

f. Funeral homes;

g. Gasoline stations;

h. Water-Refilling Stations;

i. Animal Feeds, Farm Inputs, Veterinary Products Store for food production;

j. Radio Stations for public information disseminations;

k. Restaurants, eateries, cafes, coffee shops, and other similar establishments may continue to operate for house take-outs and delivery orders only.

i. No dine-ins shall be allowed.

The above establishments allowed to remain open on limited operations are subject to the Public Safety Hours Ordinance and shall exercise utmost hygiene and sanitation, and shall enforce strict and social distancing, including the use of face masks, and such other advisories as prescribed by the DOH and CHO.

Section 7. Prevention of Hoarding – To prevent and stop hoarding of basic commodities the following shall be strictly enforced.

a. A head of family or a family representative, who must be healthy, not a senior citizen and not a PUM, shall only be allowed to purchase basic commodities;
b. A head of family or family representative shall be allowed to go out of their houses to purchase basic commodities only twice per week;
c. National regulations and DTI regulations with their penalties are adopted in this Order.

Section 8. Establishments of Isolation Facilities - Persons Under Monitoring (PUM) shall undergo strict self-quarantine at home, under the supervision and advise of the BHERTs in their respective barangays. Persons Under Investigation (PUI) shall be immediately placed at the city's isolation facilities and / or barangay isolation facility whichever is available.

Any person who refuses herewith may be held liable for violation of the provisions of Republic Act No. 11332 (The Law of Reporting of Communicable Disease), and other applicable laws under the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines.

For the above-purposes, the Barangay government units are required to fabricate isolation units in their respective barangays within three (3) days from effectivity of this Order.

Section 9. Role of Barangay Officials – Barangay Officials including Barangay Tanods are deputized to ensure the strict compliance of this enhanced quarantine and see to it that no person will be allowed to go out from their houses except under valid causes as mentioned in this Order.

Barangay officials shall set checkpoints in their respective barangays to ensure the strict implementation of this Order.

Any Barangay official found to have been remiss of their duties shall be charged administratively and shall be sanctioned by either suspension or dismissal from service.

Section 10. Compliance of Business Establishments and Offices with this Order, as well as DTI Order on Prices of Commodities. Business establishments and offices are expected to give full and faithful compliance with the rules as stated herein. Failure to comply herewith may be held as a ground for revocation of their business permit. Owners of stores, markets, supermarkets, groceries, and other similar retailers of basic goods, pharmacies, and drug stores are strongly reminded to comply with the DTI advisory on price freeze of basic commodities while the country is under the State of Calamity.

Section 11. Enforcement and Assistance. The CHO, CDRRMO, Permits and Licensing Office, PNP, AFP, BFP Coastguard, and BJMP are empowered to ensure that

the implementation of this Order is carried out with utmost consideration for the order, safety, and security of the persons involved;

Section 12. Dissemination of this Order. The City Information Office and the CHO are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this order;

Section 13. Suppletory Application. All other issuances of the DILG, DOH, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Infectious Disease shall have suppletory applications to this Executive Order;

Section 14. Separability Clause. Should any provision of this Order be declared invalid for any reason those parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect;

Section 15. Repealing Clause. All previous executive orders and issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 16. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect starting 12:01 AM March 22, 2020 until 11:59 PM April 5 2020, subject to extension upon assessment by the COVID-19 City Local Inter-Agency Task Force.

Done this 20th day of March, 2020 at Borongan City, Eastern Samar.

JOSE IVAN DAYAN C. AGDA, CoE
City Mayor